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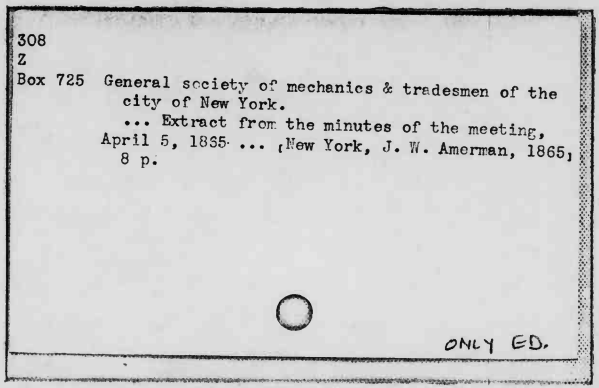
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING, APRIL 5, 1865.

On motion of Brother WILSON SMALL, seconded by Brother JOHN E. HOAGLAND, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, *That it be referred to the officers of the Society to present the thanks of the Society to the Army and Navy of the United States, for the great and glorious victories recently achieved by their gallantry and skill, and to publish the same, together with the proceedings of this meeting relative to the flags returned by the Volunteer Engineer Regiment.*"

The undersigned, officers of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New-York, in carrying out the foregoing resolution, beg leave to tender to the officers and men of the Army and Navy of the United States the heartfelt thanks of each member of the Society, for their patience and endurance during the long struggle they have

been engaged in to subdue the greatest rebellion the world has ever known, and which is now about closed.

The members of the Society also beg leave to join with the officers and men of the Army and Navy of the United States in rejoicing over the victories they have achieved on land and at sea, and particularly those last battles which may well be styled the death blows of the rebellion.

The members of the Society beg leave also to tender their sympathies to the many families who have been bereaved by the loss or maiming of husband, father, son, brother or friend during the great rebellion, and to say to all such, that the honor of being connected with either must, in such a cause, compensate to a certain extent for their bereavement.

The officers of the Society beg leave to inform the officers and men of the Army and Navy, that the resolution referred to above was unanimously adopted at a meeting more numerously attended than any other for years; that the resolution was introduced by the mover in a speech replete with patriotism and eloquence; and that the patriotic remarks by various members fully entitle the Society to a position in the front rank of the upholders of the Constitution and laws of our beloved country.

The officers of the Society beg leave respectfully to call attention to the following correspondence, as indicating that the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New-York are not only patriots at the close of the rebellion, but that they performed their part when the struggle began and during its continuance.

CAMP OF 1ST N. Y. VOL. ENGINEERS,
HEAD-QUARTERS ARMY OF THE JAMES,
VARINA, VA., *March* 27, 1865.

GEO. W. FARNHAM, Esq.,
Mechanics' Society, N. Y.:

Sir,—As you were Chairman of the Committee who presented to my regiment a stand of colors, on behalf of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New-York, when we were organized in 1861, I have taken the liberty to ask, through you, that the Society present, on behalf of the regiment, the national color of this set, and a regimental color, presented by the City of New-York, to the Bureau of Military Statistics at Albany, New-York.

I enclose a letter addressed to Col. LOCKWOOD L. DOTY, Chief of the Bureau, giving the several battles and sieges in which we have been engaged.

The national color which we are sending to the archives of the State, has not been dishonored since you entrusted it to our care. It was the first flag that floated over Fort "Pulaski," after its recapture by the Union troops, and the first national flag that floated over Fort "Wagner."

The number of engagements in which detachments of the regiment have taken part will show you that we have not been idle spectators in the great struggle. We represent almost every trade, and I believe the mechanical skill we have been able to bring together, has added much to the efficiency of the army.

We have to lament the loss of many good officers and men, whose names will ever be dear to us. Capt. H. L. SOUTHARD, killed at Bermuda Hundred, was son of Hon. S. L. SOUTHARD, late Secretary of the Navy. He was as true and pure a patriot as this war has produced. He was an officer of much more

than ordinary talent, and was greatly beloved by all good men. Lieut. J. Howard Brooks, killed in front of Petersburg, was a young man of great promise, and although he had been with us only a few weeks, yet he had, by his manly bearing and talent, won his way to the confidence and esteem of all. I might name many other brave hearts who have given themselves a sacrifice in our cause, and over whom your flag has waved, and over whose remains it has rested.

The flag has now become a veteran, worn out in the service, and unfit for duty in the field, and we return it to take its place with others honored by service, with our brothers of the State of New-York.

The regimental color presented by you we still retain in the field, and we hope to bring it back for your disposition, after peace has been restored to our land, and we are permitted to go back to our homes and vocations of life.

I am very truly your ob't serv't

And brother,

James F. Hall,

Brt. Brig.-Genl. U. S. Vols.,

Col. Comdg. 1st N. Y. Vol. Engineers.

Camp of 1st N. Y. Vol. Engineers,
Head-Quarters Army of the James,
Varina, Va., *March* 27, 1865.

Col. Lockwood L. Doty,

Chief of Bureau of Military Statistics,
Albany, New-York:

Colonel,—I have this day forwarded by Adams & Co.'s Express, through the Mechanics' Society, City of New-York, two flags of my regiment, one an American flag, one of a stand of colors, presented to the regiment by the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New-York, and the other a regimental color, presented by the City of New-York. The former was the first national flag that floated over Fort "Pulaski," after its surrender, and the first over Fort "Wagner," on Morris Island.

This regiment was raised in the City of New-York, in 1861, and has representatives from almost every county in the State.

The several battalions of the regiment have participated in the following sieges and battles:

SIEGE OF FORT PULASKI.
BATTLE OF JAMES ISLAND.
" " POCOTALIGO.
" " MORRIS ISLAND.
SIEGE OF FORT "WAGNER," FORT "SUMTER," and CHARLESTON.
BATTLE OF "OLUSTÉE."
SIEGE OF PETERSBURG.
BATTLE OF "DRURY'S BLUFF."
" " PROCTOR'S CREEK.
BATTLES OF "BERMUDA HUNDRED."
" " THE "JAMES."
BATTLE " "HONEY HILL."
" " "COOSAWHATCHIE."

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

James F. Hall,

Brt. Brig.-Genl. U. S. Vols.,

Col. Comdg. 1st N. Y. Engrs.

Brother JAMES VAN NORDEN, after some remarks, moved the following resolutions, which were seconded by Brother GEORGE W. FARNHAM, and unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, *That this Society will gladly comply with the request of our esteemed Brother, General* JAMES F. HALL, *and that it be referred to the President to take charge of the glorious relics, and forward them to Col.* DOTY, *at Albany, with such communication as he may deem appropriate and proper.*"

"RESOLVED, *That viewing, with exultant pride, the gallant manner in which the flags presented by this Society to the First Regiment of New-York Volunteer Engineers, have been borne through so many battles, and planted first on captured forts, we tender to Brevet Brigadier-General* HALL, *and the brave officers and men of his command, the thanks of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, as they are eminently entitled to those of our whole country.*"

"RESOLVED, *That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to General* HALL."

GEORGE F. NESBITT, *President.*
JOHN T. CONOVER, *First Vice-President.*
WADE B. WORRALL, *Second Vice-President.*

RICHARD E. MOUNT, *Treasurer.*
WILLIAM VAN NORDEN, *Secretary.*

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